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What is the Qualified Educator Loan Repayment Assistance Program?

- The Montana student loan forgiveness program for Montana teachers repays up to \$3,000 in college loans per year, for up to four years (\$12,000 total).
- Depending on the volume of applications and the availability of funds, some applicants may be turned down for student loan forgiveness.
- Applications are available online [here](http://www.mgslp.state.mt.us/Downloads/Files/Documents/Quality%20Educator%20TLF/2010%20TLF%20Application.pdf).
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Am I Eligible?

To be eligible for the Montana student loan forgiveness program, a teacher must:

- Have a current student loan balance and be in good standing with repayment of the loan.
- Be teaching full-time in a public school, state funded school, special education cooperative, or in the Montana Youth Challenge Program.
- Be teaching at an "impacted" school. An impacted school is rural, and/or has a high percentage of disadvantaged students, and/or has greater challenges in closing the achievement gap. A list of the impacted schools is available [here](http://opi.mt.gov/PDF/Supt/Impacted_School_Score.pdf): http://opi.mt.gov/PDF/Supt/Impacted_School_Score.pdf
- Have at least one staff assignment recorded in the 2009-2010 OPI Annual Data Collection in a shortage area at an impacted school. The shortage areas are Career and Technical Education, Music, Special Education, Mathematics, Speech/Language Pathologist, Science, World Languages, School Counselor, Library Media, and Art.
- Have an active Montana educator license with a corresponding endorsement in the shortage area or have a professional license in the shortage area.
- Complete an application and submit it to by the deadline.

What information do I need to apply?

The new application forms will be available February 1, 2010

<http://www.mgslp.state.mt.us/Downloads/Files/Documents/Quality%20Educator%20TLF/2010%20TLF%20Application.pdf>

The Montana Office of Public Instruction provides vision, advocacy, support, and leadership for schools and communities to ensure that all students meet today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities.

Applicant Information

Your legal name, social security number, date of birth, address, city, state/zipcode, and phone.

School and Teaching Information

Your complete school name, school phone number, and address.

Educator Folio Number, License number, and subject area

For licensed educators, enter your 5-digit Educator Folio Number associated with your educator license issued by the Office of Public Instruction.

Educators can search for their folio number at

<http://data.opi.state.mt.us/EdCredentials/Index.asp#tools>

For licensed professionals, your professional license number as issued by the appropriate licensure board.

Indicate the subject area(s) to which you were assigned for the full 2009-2010 academic year.

Loan Information

Indicate the type of federal loan(s) for which you have an outstanding balance of more than \$1,000.

The name, phone number and address of the institution that holds your student loan. You must also provide a copy of your most recent student loan statement reflecting your loan balance.

Applicant's Certification and Authorization

By signing this section, you authorize the institution listed on the application to release financial and loan information to the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program.

Superintendent/Principal Certification

This section must be completed by the principal of the school to which you are assigned or the superintendent of the district that employs you.

Completed Applications for the 2010-2011 school year must be received by the Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program, 2500 Broadway, Helena, MT 59601 no later than April 30, 2010. Questions regarding the program and application process may be directed to MGSLP at 800-537-7508.

Program Website and Contact Info:

Website: Montana Guaranteed Student Loan Program - Montana Loan Forgiveness

Phone: 800-537-7508